

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. Applicants amend claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 and 10-28 Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 10-28 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicants amend claim 1 to resolve the antecedent basis indefiniteness issue and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 and 10-28 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 and 10-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sezan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,236,395) (“Sezan et al.”) in view of Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,550) (“Chen et al.”), Jain et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,144,375) (“Jain et al.”) and further in view of Slezak (U.S. Patent No. 6,006,257) (“Slezak”). Applicants traverse this rejection and argue that Sezan et al. do not teach or suggest the limitations of deriving virtual camera scripts and coding hints from the image data and coding the generated video sequence based on the coding hints, as recited in claim 1.

The Office Action on page 6 asserts that the program description scheme of Sezan et al. teaches the limitation of deriving coding hints from the image data. The program description scheme includes two sets of information: program views which define logical structures of the frames of a video, and program profiles which define distinctive characteristics of the program content. Sezan et al., col. 4, lines 40-45 and 59-65. Sezan et al. go on to explain that the

program description scheme enable users to search and discover “interesting programs that they may be unaware of”. Sezan et al., col. 5, lines 1-2. Sezan et al. set forth two additional description schemes: a user description scheme and a system description scheme. Sezan et al., col. 5, lines 37-40, col. 6, lines 23-26. Sezan et al. further teach that each of these three description schemes should be maintained independent of one another. Sezan et al., col. 7, lines 41-45 and 50-54. FIG. 1 of Sezan et al. further demonstrates the separation and independence between the three description schemes 18, 20, 22.

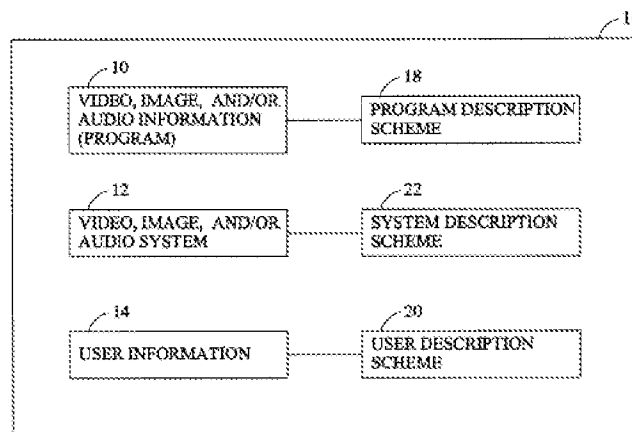


FIG. 1

However, the Office Action on page 7 asserts that repackaging the media content based on a particular viewing system’s capabilities, i.e. the system description scheme, teaches the limitation of coding the generated video sequence based on the coding hints. This position is inconsistent and fails to teach the recited limitations because it asserts on one side that the coding hints correspond to the program description scheme and on the other side asserts that the coding hints correspond to the system description scheme. If the coding hints recited in claim 1 are equivalent to the program description scheme 18 of Sezan et al., as asserted in the Office Action, then repackaging the media content should be based on the program description scheme 18, and

not the system description scheme 22 as taught in Sezan et al. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable because the proposed combination of references fails to teach or adequately suggest all the limitations of claim 1. Applicants further submit that claims 2-8 and 10-28 are also patentable over the cited references inasmuch as they depend from claim 1 and recite additional limitations therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If necessary, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge or credit the **Novak, Druce & Quigg, LLP, Account No. 14-1437** for any deficiency or overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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